

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4994  
INFO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 4546

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS SO ET US  
SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF EPMG OF PRESS GUIDANCE CONCERNING ARMS  
FOR SOMALIA

REF: A. STATE 173648 B) STATE 172367 C) ADDIS ABABA 4495  
D) ADDIS ABABA 4512 E) STATE 174342

1. VOA AND WE UNDERSTAND BBC AS WELL THIS MORNING CARRIED  
REPORTS QUOTING DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AT PRESS BRIEFING JULY  
26 AS SAYING USG HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO PROVIDE ARMS TO  
SOMALIA. REPORT MENTIONED AGREEMENT TO DO SO IN CONNECTION  
WITH OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HE DID NOT IDENTIFY (BUT VOA  
SPECULATED THEY WERE WESTERN COUNTRIES PLUS AT LEAST ONE  
ARAB COUNTRY -- SAUDI ARABIA). ARMS WERE TO BE FOR DEFENSIVE  
PURPOSES AS USG DID NOT WISH BECOME INVOLVED IN REGIONAL  
DISPUTES, AND ACTION WAS TAKEN TO DEMONSTRATE THAT SOMALIA  
DID NOT HAVE TO DEPEND UPON SOVIET UNION FOR ARMS ASSISTANCE.

2. REQUEST TEXT OF BRIEFING IMMEDIATELY, WHICH OF  
COURSE DOES NOT FOLLOW STATE 172367. FORTUNATELY, WE  
WERE NOT RPT NOT ABLE CONVEY PRESS GUIDANCE TO  
MOFA YESTERDAY AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE 173648 DUE  
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UNAVAILABILITY OF MOFA PERSONNEL. IF MOFA NOW INQUIRES,  
I WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT DEPT WISHES ME TO SAY.  
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## Message Attributes

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